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USER'S GUIDE
DRISTEEM[™]
CANISTER
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CLEANER
MODEL V300



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Includes: Safety Instructions, Warranty, and Operating Instructions

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS VAPOR CLEANER CANISTER



WARNING

**To reduce the risk of fire,
electric shock, or injury:**

- Read all of the instructions before using the DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner.
- Use the system only for its intended use.
- To protect against a risk of electric shock. Do not immerse any part of the system in water or other liquids.
- The system should always be turned OFF before plugging into or unplugging from outlet. Never yank cord to disconnect from outlet; instead, grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
- The refilling instructions must be followed when the unit is hot to avoid risk of scalding.
- Do not allow cord to touch hot surfaces. Let the system cool completely before putting away or opening water tank (removing the safety cap). Wrap cord loosely around system when storing.
- Always disconnect system from electrical outlet when filling with water and when not in use. Always turn the safety cap slowly when opening the water tank. This will allow any remaining steam to escape gradually.
- Do not operate the system with a damaged cord or plug, or if the vapor cleaner or any other part of the system has been dropped or damaged. To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble or attempt to repair the DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner. Return the system to (see warranty for examination and repair). Incorrect reassembly or repair can cause a risk of electrical shock or injury to persons when the DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner is used.
- Close supervision is necessary for any appliance being used by or near children. Do not leave the system unattended while connected.
- Burns can occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water or steam. Use caution when turning the system upside down as there may be hot water in the unit. Never direct steam at any person. The steam is very hot and can cause burns.
- Do not operate in the presence of explosive and/or flammable fumes.
- This appliance is intended only for household use. Follow all user instructions in this manual.
- Never use any chemicals or substance other than tap water in the machine. Use of chemicals may damage the machine. Use of chemicals will automatically void your warranty.

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

- Do not leave the DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner plugged in. Turn off the power switch and unplug the electrical cord when not in use and before servicing.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children, pets, or plants.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended accessories.
- Do not pull cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not use extension cords or outlets with inadequate current carrying capacity.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging from electrical outlet.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle plug or vapor cleaner with wet hands or operate without shoes.
- Do not put any objects into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked.
- Store your vapor cleaner indoors in a cool, dry area.
- Keep your work area well lighted.
- Never turn the vapor cleaner over or on its side when using vapor. Never direct vapor towards people, animal or plants.
- Do not immerse the vapor cleaner into water or other liquids. Always unplug the power cord from the electrical socket when filling the vapor cleaner.
- Do NOT add cleaning solutions, scented perfumes, oils or any other chemicals to the water used in this appliance as this may damage the unit or make it unsafe for use. Use regular water or distilled/purified water if the tap water in your area is very hard.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

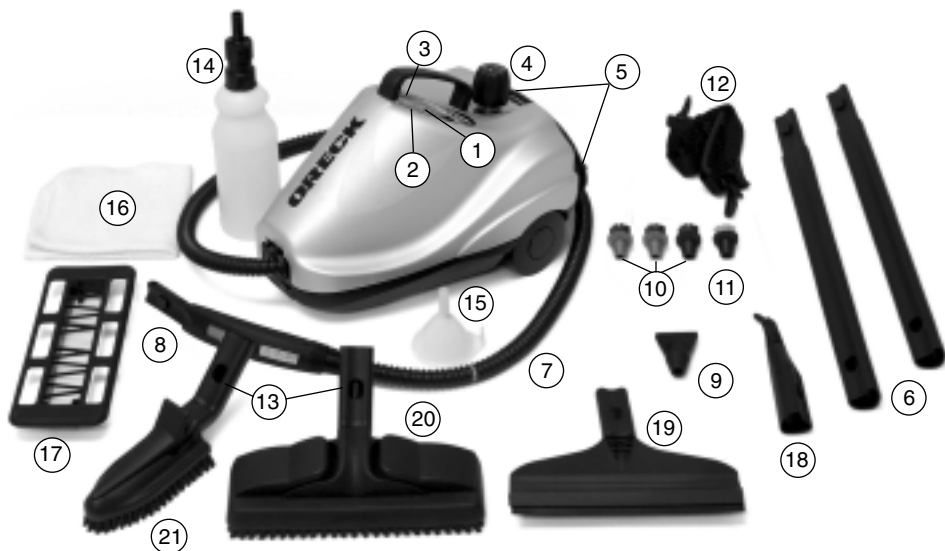
- To avoid circuit overload, do not operate another appliance on the same socket (circuit).
- If an extension cord is absolutely necessary, a 15 ampere, 14 gauge cord should be used. Cords rated for less amperage may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange cord so that it cannot be pulled or tripped over.
- Do not leave unattended when the system is connected to a power supply/electrical outlet.

WARNING: This appliance is equipped with a grounded-type 3-wire cord (3-prong plug). This plug will only fit into an electrical outlet made for a 3-prong plug. This is a safety feature. If the plug should fail to fit the outlet, contact an electrician to replace the outlet. Do not attempt to defeat the safety purpose of the grounding pin, part of the 3-prong plug.

Warranty

Oreck Corporation warrants the DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner free from defects in material and workmanship under normal, non-commercial use and service. Oreck will remedy any such defects if they appear within one (1) year from date of purchase. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights, which vary, from state to state. Any commercial use of the DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner voids the warranty.

DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner Assembly



Features:

- 1. Power “On” Light (Red):** This light will illuminate when the unit is plugged into the wall and the “On/Off” switch is depressed .
- 2. Temperature Ready Light (Green):** When this light is “On”, it indicates that the steam is ready to use. Note: This light will go “On” and “Off” during usage showing that the vapor is being generated.
- 3. ON/OFF Switch - On/Off Button:** To turn the unit “On” and energize the boiler, depress the “On/Off” button. To turn the unit “Off” depress the “On/Off” button once again.
- 4. Safety/Filler Cap:** Where the water goes into the boiler. See instructions for filling and refilling.
- 5. Cordwraps:** For easy storage wrap the power cord around the Cordwraps.

Accessories:

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| 6. Extension Tubes (qty. 2) | 18. Concentrator Nozzle |
| 7. Flexible Vapor Hose | 19. Glass & Tile Squeegee |
| 8. Pistol Grip | 20. Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush |
| 9. Scraper Tool | 21. Triangular Corner Brush |

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| 10. Small Detail Brushes (qty. 3) |
| 11. Small Brass Brush |
| 12. Shoulder Strap |
| 13. Angle Adapters (qty. 2) |
| 14. Refill Bottle |
| 15. Filling Funnel |
| 16. White Terry Cloth Towel |
| 17. Carpet Glider |

Optional Accessories:

Multi-Pack of Brushes VBRUSHPK10
(10 pack: 9 Small Detail Brushes
and 1 Small Brass Brush)

Multi-Pack of DriSteem Cloths VCLOTHPK10
(10 pack)

Attaching the Shoulder Strap

To attach the shoulder strap to the Vapor Cleaner, simply snap the Shoulder Strap hooks onto the connecting rings on the body.



Using the Cordwraps



Cordwraps are located at the rear of the unit for easy use when the unit is not in operation. Simply pull the Cordwraps out and wrap the power cord on the unit for easy storage.

Starting Your DriSteem™ Canister Vapor Cleaner

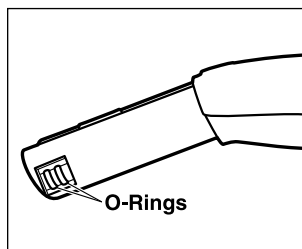


WARNING: The machine should never be plugged in during initial filling or refilling. Use a grounded receptacle. Use only a heavy duty extension cord rated for 15 amps. Do not use an ordinary extension cord.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT add cleaning solutions, scented perfumes, oils or any other chemicals to the water used in this appliance. Use regular water or distilled/purified water if the tap water in your area is very hard.



WARNING: You must always inspect your Pistol Grip prior to each use to ensure both O-Ring seals are present (see figure right). Do not operate if both O-Rings are not present. If you attempt to operate the unit without the O-Rings, there is a risk steam will escape between the Pistol Grip and the attachment that may cause scalding.



Filling Your Canister Vapor Cleaner With Water

Step 1: Before filling the Vapor Cleaner, make sure that the unit is **NOT** plugged in.

Step 2: Turn Safety/Filler Cap counterclockwise to remove. **Note: DO NOT remove the Safety/Filler Cap unless the unit is cool!**

Step 3: Using the refill bottle add 1 1/2 quarts of water. Place spout all the way inside unit until water stops. Push to release flow. **Do not overfill.**
Replace Filler Cap by turning clockwise - **press down firmly to tighten.**
Heating time is approximately 5-8 minutes with cold

water.

Step 4: Plug the unit into a standard 120 volt wall (3-prong) grounded receptacle. The power light will illuminate. Depress On/Off button.

Step 5: Allow approximately 5-8 minutes for vapor unit to reach its working temperature and pressure. When the working temperature has been reached, the Green Temperature Ready Light will illuminate and the unit is ready to operate.

Step 6: Connect desired attachments into the Flexible Vapor Hose.
Note: After you start using vapor, the Green Temperature Ready Light will turn on and off intermittently, indicating that vapor is being produced. However, vapor can be continuously used.

Step 7: At the start, some water will come out from the nozzle of the attachment. This is unheated water in the hose and is normal.

IMPORTANT: When the Vapor Cleaner has run out of water, the low-water thermostat will switch off the unit. The heater will NOT turn on again until the boiler has cooled or has been refilled with water again.

IMPORTANT: The "On/Off" button only provides power to the Vapor Generator Heater and the "On" / "Ready" lights. The Handle Vapor Switch is electronic and receives power directly from the wall plug outlet.



WARNING: When refilling the Vapor Cleaner while it is still hot, the first drops of water might bubble up. Use caution when opening the Safety/Filler Cap. Do not open while hot! Leave the unit plugged in, press the "On/Off" button to "Off", then depress Handle Switch only to "On" position and leave "On" for 10 minutes to relieve Vapor

Refilling Your Canister Vapor Cleaner With Water

- Step 1: Press On/Off Button to turn the unit “Off”. Depress the Vapor Switch only on the Pistol Grip to “On” and leave “On” for 10 minutes to ensure that any remaining pressure in the boiler has been released.
- Step 2: Depress the Vapor Switch on the Pistol Grip to the “Off” position and disconnect Electrical Power Cord from wall outlet.
- Step 3: Wait an additional 10 minutes before opening the Safety Cap. Carefully loosen the Safety/Filler Cap by rotating counterclockwise. Any residual steam will be released below the Safety/Filler Cap if the tank has not been completely vented. When the hissing stops and the last of the vapor has been released, remove the filler cap.
- Step 4: Allow the vapor cleaner to cool for 5-10 minutes before refilling with water.
- Step 5: Refill water tank with water using the Refill Bottle, as previously described.
- Step 6: Firmly screw the Safety Filler Cap back onto the Vapor Cleaner by turning clockwise and pressing down lightly.
- Step 7: Connect power cord to the wall outlet. Press the On/Off Power Switch and wait until the Temperature Ready Light comes on before you continue cleaning.



WARNING: If you attempt to refill the machine while the Vapor Generator is still hot, there is a risk that water will be squirted back during filling and cause scalding. Extreme care should be taken when refilling the unit.

Using Your Canister Vapor Cleaner with Floor Brush



- Step 1: Connect one of the Extension Tubes to the Pistol Grip on the Flexible Vapor Hose. To insert the Extension Tubes one onto the other or onto the Pistol Grip, press the button ensuring that it fits into the hole. To disconnect, repeat the operation by pressing the button and pulling the two pieces apart.



Step 2: The Angle Adapter is usually already attached to the Rectangular Floor/Carpent Brush. Fit Floor Brush with the Angle Adapter onto the Extension Tube. If the angle adapter is not attached to the Floor/Carpent Brush,



hold the brush with the bristles down. With the angle adapter pointing downward, insert it into the hole in the the back of the brush, then turn the Angle Adapter 180°.

Step 3: Insert the electrical power cord into the wall outlet. Press the On/Off Power Switch position, the Red Power On Light will illuminate and wait for the Vapor Cleaner to reach its working temperature. The Vapor Ready Light will illuminate when the Vapor Cleaner has reached

maximum cleaning power.

How to fit the Towel Over the Rectangular Brush

The Oreck 100% White Terry Cloth Towel can be fitted on this brush so as to absorb the dirt and protect delicate surfaces. It can also be used on vertical washable surfaces following the same procedure as for the floor.



Step 1: Prepare White Terry Cloth Towel. Place the brush on top of the towel.



Step 2: Fold the towel as shown.



Step 3: Fold the other side of the towel as shown.



Step 4: Place the corner of the towel under the cloth holder clip as shown.



Step 5: Stretch the towel around the brush, and repeat folding the towel as shown.

Accessories to the Flexible Steam Hose



Glass and Tile Squeegee

This attachment is very useful for cleaning large windows, plastic material, ceramic, tiled surfaces, marble surfaces, etc. Apply steam abundantly, rub with the spongy side and remove with the glass wiping rubber. **Caution:** When cleaning outside windows, always avoid any sudden changes in temperature to prevent breakage or cracks.



Concentrator Nozzle

This attachment is very useful for cleaning surfaces that are difficult to reach and areas with lots of nooks and crannies. It is ideal for radiators, door and window jambs, shutters, jewelry, faucets, and sanitary fixtures.



Small Detail Brushes and Brass Brush

The Small Detail Brushes is best for cleaning in-between the tiles, ceramic, marble, wooden floors.

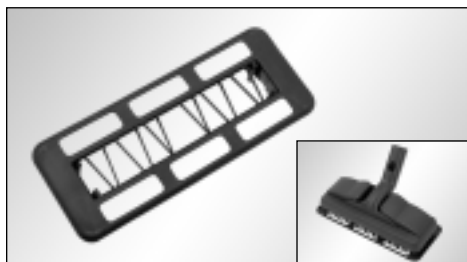
The Brass Brush is best for metal surfaces, such as pots and chrome that need a more aggressive brush. Pretest to assure surface will not scratch.

The Small Detail Brush and the Brass Brush both fits on the end of the Concentrator Nozzle.



Rectangular Floor/Carpets Brush with Angle Adapter

This attachment is used for cleaning all types of flooring and carpets.



Carpet Glider with Rectangular Floor/Carpets Brush

The Carpet Glider attaches to the bottom of the Rectangular Floor/Carpets Brush and can be used on various carpets when less brush pressure is required.



Triangular Corner Brush with Angle Adapter

This attachment is very useful for cleaning hard to reach areas. It is ideal for scrubbing tile and grout and is especially useful when cleaning in tight corners around the bathtub and toilet.



Scraper Tool

This attachment is very useful for removing unwanted stuck on substances such as bumper stickers and bubble gum.

Tips On How To Use Your System

Water

- Use tap water for all your cleaning needs.
- However, if you live in an area with hard water, use demineralized/distilled water when steaming light colored fabrics to eliminate the possibility of hard water stains.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT add cleaning solutions, scented perfumes, oils or any other chemicals to the water used in this appliance. Use regular water or distilled/purified water if the tap water in your area is very hard.

How Vapor Works: Vapor is a form of water that is superheated to create steam with no chemicals. This steam will clean and disinfect most surfaces, while deodorizing. The heat will loosen the connection of dirt and stains to surfaces. Steam vapor will break through the pores of the objects cleaned and destroys mold spores, bacteria, viruses and germs of all kinds. This is the single most successful technique of sanitizing known. Heat is the #1 germ killer. Steam is used to sterilize and disinfect.

Temperature

- The vapor temperature at the tip of the nozzle is between 220°F and 240°F.
- The temperature of the vapor falls to 100°F at a distance of 10 inches from the nozzle. Thus your best working vapor is that, which is closest to the nozzle.

Warning: A towel wrapped around the brush can become hot enough to burn. Make sure that you let the towel cool off before touching it.

Using Towels

- For best results use the Oreck 100% cotton White Terry Cloth Towels.
- Use correct size of towel to wrap around the brushes and clip it under the spring loaded cloth holder clip.
- The purpose of using a towel is to absorb moisture and dirt being cleaned. Always use dry towels. A wet towel will smear the dirt.
- Towels are washing machine safe. Bleach can be used.
- Using scented fabric softener while washing the towels will cause the scent to be released into the air when using the towels with your Vapor Cleaner.

Efficient Work

- Always wipe from the top down. This will prevent dirty drops from falling on clean surfaces.
- Avoid changing brushes back and forth while cleaning.
- Start with the smallest brush to clean tight spots and corners first.
- Once the unit dislodges and dissolves dirt, wipe as soon as possible, while wet, otherwise it will dry and may adhere to the surface.

Wood, Vinyl, and Marble Floors

Use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with a Terry Cloth Towel attached. Move the brush across the floor as if you are mopping. When the towel is soiled, you can turn the towel over or replace it with a clean towel. If you are working on a very dirty area, move the brush over the area slowly several times. If it is a wood floor, move fast to avoid heat or moisture buildup in the wood. By cleaning with the towel over the brush, you will not affect the shine on the floor.

To Strip Wax: Use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush for open areas; Small Detail Brush for corners or tight areas - no towel, slow strokes. Work a small area at a time - remove the emulsified wax from the floor. When all of the wax has been stripped, immediately clean the floor and brushes with water before residue has a chance to harden on them. Go back over the stripped area with the rectangular brush with a towel attached to remove any remaining residue before waxing.

To Clean Waxed Floors: Wrap clean towel around the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush. Brush to remove dirt.

Vinyl Floors: Do not allow heat to build up on any kind of vinyl, since it can soften it enough to affect its texture. Work fast on vinyl.

Tile Floors: Use the Concentrator Nozzle with the Small Detail Brush attached to an Extension Wand. Have the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with cloth attached ready as well. Clean the grout of the tile with the Small Detail Brush. Remove the detail attachment and attach the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush move the brush across the floor to clean the tile and remove excess moisture and residue. For areas of tile that are very dirty, remove the towel and agitate with the brush. Do not let the area dry before you wipe it up.

Carpets: Vacuum the entire carpet area first. Use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with Carpet Glider and a cloth attached (you might need two Terry Cloth Towels to eliminate drag). Move slowly over the area allowing the vapor to penetrate the carpet. The cloth will absorb the excess moisture and residue. For spot cleaning, use the Concentrator Nozzle without a brush. Remember - the towel is your "extractor" in this process. Do not vacuum again while the cleaned area is still warm. Do not linger too long in one place - normal back and forth motion used in cleaning a carpet prevents heat build up in the fibers.

Warning:

- Do not vacuum the carpet while it is still warm. The dirt from your vacuum cleaner may be redeposited into the carpet.
- Some carpets do not have secured colorfast dyes. Do not start cleaning your carpet before first testing a small inconspicuous area.

Upholstery: Use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with a clean White Terry Cloth Towel. Use fast, light strokes, avoid getting the fabric wet. When cleaning silk, warm up the towel and then turn off the vapor entirely before touching the fabric. If the towel is too hot to touch with your hand, it is too hot for silk. Be patient with stubborn spots; work on a spot gently for no more than a minute at a time, then wait five minutes for the area to dry and repeat. Use circular movements or back-and-forth and side-to-side movements to get all sides of surface fibers. Finish with a brushing in one direction that will give the fabric a uniform appearance.

Caution: Always determine the color-fastness of any fabric - especially with reds or blues - by taking a clean, moist, warm towel and gently rubbing a small inconspicuous area. If color comes off on the towel, you may need to have the piece dry-cleaned.

Window, Glass Surfaces, and Mirrors: Use the Glass and Tile Squeegee. Work with the vapor jet down using top to bottom movements. Use the squeegee with the vapor off to clear the water from the glass. To do this without leaving streaks, use lateral movements from the top to the bottom of the surface.

Fiberglass or Stainless Steel Surfaces: Use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush or Concentrator Nozzle. Slowly move the brush over the surface to be cleaned. The vapor will emulsify the dirt and grease on the surface. Follow behind with a terry cloth towel attached to the brush to remove excess moisture and residue.

Tip: An old idea for polishing stainless steel is to wipe it down with soda water after it is cleaned.

Soap Scum: Soap scum dissolves almost immediately under a combination of heat and moisture. Rinse the surface with a small amount of water afterwards or go back over it once more with a clean white terry cloth towel.

Note: Soap scum sometimes will develop a hard surface from waterborne minerals. If this is the case, use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with no towel first to break up this surface - or spray or wipe first with lemon, vinegar or soda water to soften the minerals.

Moving too slowly can dry out the soap scum and cause it to granulate on the surface. The surface will have a gritty feel. If this happens, apply vapor to the surface with the open brush again and re-clean.

Garden Furniture: Use any of the brushes depending on the surface area. Work quickly when cleaning resin on outdoor furniture.

Blinds: Use the Small Detail Brush to clean blinds. Move the brush over the surface, allowing enough time for the vapor to penetrate. Work quickly on PVC blinds. Test for color fastness on fabric blinds before using.

Bathroom Areas: To clean the bathtub or shower area, use the Small Detail Brush for grout, shower door tracks, hard to get areas and heavily soiled areas. The Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with a Terry Cloth Towel attached will be the most

efficient way to clean the rest of the area. Allow plenty of time for the heat to penetrate the surface. This is especially helpful in the shower area if there is tile or grout.

Removal of soap scum on tile, grout, and shower doors is also easier with the Vapor Cleaner.

To clean the toilet, use Small Detail Brush. Use a terry cloth towel or paper towel to wipe up excess moisture and residue.

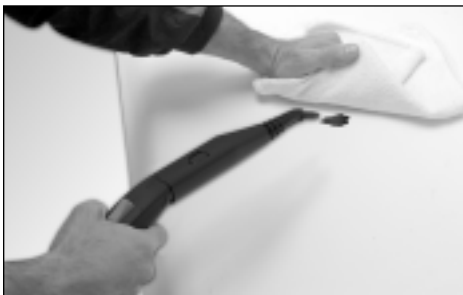
To clean the sink and faucets, use Small Detail Brush.

Exterior Areas: To clean inside your car, use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with a Terry Cloth Towel attached to clean upholstery and interior areas just as in the home. You should not expose the bristles to leather - use only the brush with the terry cloth towel attached. For detailing the wheels, use the Concentrator Nozzle and the Small Detail Brush. Outer windows are cleaned best by applying the vapor with the Small Detail Brush and following with a paper towel. To clean bicycles, use the Small Detail Brush. To clean equipment, use the Small Detail Brush, depending on the surface area.

Artificial Plants: Use the Concentrator Nozzle without a brush attached to blow off the dust and dirt.

Clothing: Your vapor cleaning system is excellent for removing wrinkles from fabrics. Simply "vaporize" the surface from a distance (12in - 18in). The dry vapor removes wrinkles without leaving the fabric wet like ordinary fabric steamers will.

Nicotine and Tar: Nicotine and tar dissolve at high temperatures and become a light yellow oil. When the nicotine/tar film is touched by a hot terry cloth towel clipped over the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush, it immediately dissolves and flows into the towel. You can remove it from flat surfaces as fast as you can move the brush over the surface.



Removing Wax, Tar, Gum, Etc.: Many stains are only stuck on the surface of materials and can be easily and quickly removed by "blowing" excess material away from the surface from the side. This is accomplished by using the Concentrator Nozzle. Hold the Terry Cloth Towel to the side to catch the loose residue as it is blown by the Concentrator Nozzle. Note: Always vacuum any loose residue off the surface before you apply vapor to it.

Other Uses: For the exterior of the oven, use the Small Detail Brush with a Terry Cloth Towel attached to clean around the dials, outlets, and switch plates. Use the Small Detail Brush for cracks, crevices, and hard to reach areas. Wipe immediately before the cleaned area dries.

Refrigerator - Use the Concentrator Nozzle to blow away dirt in the ice machine and on door seals. The vapor will not dry out or crack the seals as chemicals often do. Can openers, faucets and other kitchen equipment can be easily cleaned with the Small Detail Brush on the nozzle to get into all the nooks and crannies.

Mold stains around door gaskets can be removed with the Small Detail Brush.

To clean microwaves or other appliances use the Small Detail Brush for small areas.

To clean countertops, use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush with a Terry Cloth Towel attached. For heavily soiled areas, use the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush without the terry cloth towel first in order to loosen the debris, then follow with a Terry Cloth Towel attached to finish.

Hints: The Canister Vapor Cleaner has many uses that are not stated above. This was meant only to give you a general idea of what can be achieved with the Canister Vapor Cleaner system. However, the ways in which to use the attachments and brushes are in most cases universal. It is most helpful to always have a terry cloth towel or paper towel ready to use for removal of moisture and residue. Oreck's 100% White Cotton Terry Cloth Towels work best.

Cleaning Your Brush: You can clean the brushes with your Vapor Cleaner. To clean the Rectangular Floor/Carpet Brush, hold at one end and use the Concentrator Nozzle without a brush attached to simply blow off dirt into the garbage can. For the Small Detail Brush, use a pair of pliers to hold and blow dirt as above or place in the basket of your dishwasher.

Use the Vapor Cleaner for pet spots. It will clean urine and other stains, as well as remove odor, from the carpet and upholstery.

